(ग) नए प्रबंध निदेशक की नियुक्ति में क्या बाधाएं हैं और यह नियुक्ति कब तक कर दी जाएगी ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम के प्रबंध निदेशक के पद पर नियुक्त व्यक्ति का नाम श्री टी० एस० जी० नायर है।

(ख) उनका कार्यकाल 16.4.91 को समाप्त हो गया था।

(ग) श्री टी० एस० जी० नायर को भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में जारी रखने/न जारी रखने से संबंधित मामला कार्मिक व प्रशिक्षण विभाग को भेजा गया है। कार्मिक व प्रशिक्षण विभाग के निर्देश के अनुसार श्री नायर भारतीय राज्य फार्म निगम के प्रबंध निदेशक के रूप में उस समय तक काम करते रहेंगे, जब तक उनके कार्यकाल को बढ़ाने/न बढ़ाने के बारे में अंतिम निर्णय नहीं ले लिया जाता है।

Adoption of U.G.C. pay package for I.C.A.R. Scientists

1667. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.C.A.R. had adopted U.G.C. pay package with effect from 1st January, 1986 and no benefit of placement/promotion has been given to the existing scientists as on 31st December, 1985 working in the grade of Rs. 700-1300;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would issue specific instructions to liberalise the condition I(b), as provided by Career Advancement Scheme issued by I.C.A.R. for this category of scientists for the first placement/promotion;

(d) whether the judgement of the 'Central Administrative Tribunal' upheld by Supreme Court, regarding computation of length of service of every scientist for the purpose of placement/promotion and the counting of the service rendered by them in the grade S of A.R.S. and the grades merged into S-grade at the time of formation of A.R.S. i.e. 1st October, 1975 is not being implemented;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Government propose to fix the responsibility for this inordinate delay and take necessary steps to expedite the implementation of the CAT's award?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, All the Agricultural Research Service Scientists of the ICAR have been allowed UGC Pay Package w.e.f. 1.1.86. The benefit of this changeover has been given to all such scientists including those working in the grade of Rs. 700-1300 as on 31-12-85.

(b) These Scientists have been allowed the revised pay scale of Rs. 2200-4000 w.e.f. 1-1-86 and they are also eligible to be considered for promotion to the Sr. Scale of Rs. 3000 5000 on completion of 8 years of service as Scientist subject to fulfilment of other conditions prescribed in the Career Advancement Scheme which came in to force w.e.f. 1-1-86. The said scheme also provides for relexation by 3 years and 1 year of service in respect of the Scientists who hold Ph.D. degree of M.Phil. degree respectively. Thus, a Scientist holding Ph.D degree or M.Phil. degree res in the higher pay scale of Rs. 3000-5000 after rendering 5 years service in the lower or equivalent grade.

(c) No.

(d) No, The judgement of the 'Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.A.

No. 511|90 regarding counting of service in S-Grade or its equivalent grade in ARS is already under implementation.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Rise in Cost of Fertilizer

1668. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cost of fertilizers has risen following partial withdrawal of fertiliser subsidy;

(b) if so, the effect of price rise on the use of fertilizers by the farmers; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating withdrawal of the remaining portion of the subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The consumer prices of fertilizers was increased by 40 per cent on an average w.e.f. 25-7-91 and later reduced to a 30 per cent increase w.e.f. 14-8-91.

The price of fertiliser is one of the variables which determine the extent of fertiliser consumption. These *inter alia* include (a) weather rainfall (b) the area under irrigated high yielding varieties (c) availability of credit etc. The consumption of fertiliser in 1991-92 is estimated to be higher than the consumption in 1990-91 though the rate of growth in fertiliser consumption was lower than anticipated.

(c) A Parliamentary Committee is currently looking into various aspects of fertiliser pricing and subsidy.

Import of Rice

1669. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import one million tonnes of rice in the current financial year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Food Corporation of India failed in planning a proper procurement policy for rice; and

(d) what is the shortfall in procurement of rice as on this date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The possibility of importing some rice during 1992-93 to augment overall foodgrain stocks in tne Central Pool is being looked into.

(c) No, Sir. Paddy is procured under price support operations on voluntary basis and rice is collected in the form of levy from millers depending upon the quantum of paddy purchased by them.

(d) As on 17th July, 1992, the procurement of rice, including paddy in terms of rice, during kharif 1991-92 is 101.77 lakh tonnes as against 125.47 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period last year.

Supply of Sugar to Madhya Pradesh

1670. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Miinster of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh is being given sugar quota by Government on the basis of its 1986 population;

(b) if so, what arrangements Government propose to make sugar available to the population which has increased between 1986 to 1992;